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Joint Review
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Tosco.

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Tosco Corp's Request for Development of Joint Review
Process in Utah

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August 24, 1981

The Honorable Scott M. Matheson
Governor of the State of Utah
210 State Capitol
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114

Dear Governor Matheson:

The passage of House Bill 267 provides an excellent opportunity for the development of an expedited permitting procedure for the review and approval of energy and industrial facilities proposed in the State of Utah. Since Tosco Corporation is now embarking upon the permitting phase of its proposed Sand Wash Oil Shale Project in Uintah County, Utah, the project would benefit greatly from the coordination of permitting procedures at the federal, state and local levels.

Tosco is strongly committed to working with the State of Utah to achieve a streamlined and coordinated permitting process, and welcomes this opportunity. In addition, I am personally very interested in the process. When I was President of the Institute for Socioeconomic Research (previously the Tosco Foundation), an independent non-profit research institute which Tosco helped found, the Institute developed a model permitting process for the States of Delaware and New Mexico. The goal of the effort was to streamline and coordinate the permitting process at all levels of government, while enhancing the states' planning and management capabilities with respect to environmental and socioeconomic safeguards.

In the case of Delaware, the process was designed to integrate the existing statutes and regulations at the federal, state and local level to achieve concurrent or joint agency review of a proposed project. The process does not bypass

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substantive environmental requirements at any level of government. Each agency arrives at its own final determination within the scope of existing statutory directives and on the merits of the project. Efficiencies are realized through coordination of such activities as pre-application meetings, application submittals, application reviews and public hearings, and through clearly specified permit criteria. The Joint Review Process in Colorado also embodies many of these concepts and appears to be working well. In general, the development of an expedited permitting process appears to be one of the most promising ways to achieve more cost effective regulation.

I understand that Tony Rampton, Tosco's Senior Utah Counsel and representative, has had discussions with the Office of the State Planning Coordinator regarding the possibility of developing an innovative permitting process for the State of Utah which could be applied to the Sand Wash Project on a pilot program basis. Jim Butler has indicated that funding from a Department of Energy grant may be allocated to studying the results of such a program. Pursuant to Jim Butler's request, we are seeking your formal approval of this pilot program and an indication that the State will commit to making the program work. Upon receipt of such approval and commitment, we will assist the State Planning Coordinator in contacting the appropriate agencies to request their formal participation in the new process.

We very much appreciate this unique opportunity and look forward to participating with the State of Utah in the development of an expedited permit review process.

Sincerely,



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Mon 1:30 pm